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have gone, had there been a West German government willing to negotiate. He told his listeners of conversations between German and Polish negotiators, brought together at Soviet insistence, around 20 August 1953.

One interpreter took down the following sentence, which characterizes the expected Soviet reaction to the West German election results: "The Soviet Union feels uneasy about the previously latent restoration tendencies of the West German policy, which have now been confirmed by the results of the elections. As a consequence of the policy of concession, which was in force until now, the Soviet Union must now deepen the split."

Further consequences of the Soviet displeasure at the outcome of the West German elections were indicated by Alfred Neumann, the First Secretary of the Berlin SED, in a confidential meeting of East Berlin SED officials. Neumann wants to send strong-arm squads into West Berlin to give the West Berliners the feeling of being blockaded again. In addition to organized SED riots, the State Security Service also wants to start "special missions" in West Berlin. Details about this plan were given by Berlin State Security Chief Morgenthal to his subordinates in the presence of State Secretary Ernst Wollweber.

It is to be noted in this connection that Allied intelligence services have been detecting increased activities by agents from East Germany for quite some time.

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